PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Continuation application of

Docket No: Q77595

MAEYAMA, Akinobu, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/986,782

Confirmation No.: 5967 Group Art Unit: 3748

Filed: September 22, 2003 Examiner: J. Corrigan

For: AN OIL PRESSURE CONTROL APPARATUS FOR AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION

ENGINE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.